

**MEETING MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**

DATE: January 31, 2018
TIME: 9:00 A.M., CDT
LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

William DeCrow, DPO - Chair
Les Freeman, DPO - Secretary
Janet Perry-Martinez, DPO
P. Warren Perry, DPO
Brandy Miller, DPO

BOARD MEMBER

ABSENT:

Consumer member (vacant position)

STAFF

PRESENT:

Yvette Hernandez, Board Administrator
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Kaitlin Parham, Assistant General Counsel
Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. DeCrow called the meeting to order at 8:59A.M. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Review/Approve October 25, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Upon review of the July 26, 2017 Board Meeting minutes, Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perry, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Office of Investigations

Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, stated under Board Orders there are three (3) and two (2) TSAC suspension, currently six (6) new complaints to date, two (2) complaints are closed and six (6) practitioners being monitored..

Mr. Perry stated the TSAC suspension for Joy daily should have been cleared in 2017 and should not be on the list; Ms. Leonard stated she would research the matter. Ms. Leonard contacted Yvette Hernandez on January 31, 2018 and confirmed that Joy Daily was cleared for the TSAC suspension in March 2017.

Office of General Counsel

Kaitlin Parham stated the Conflicted of Interest.

Rule Activity

Staff and Mr. Perry met on September 20, 2017 to discuss proposed rule changes. Those changes were voted on and approved by the Board on October 25, 2017. The changes are now in the internal review process.

Disciplinary Activity

On January 1, 2018 the Office of General Counsel had 1 open complaint.

Administrative Report

Yvette Hernandez stated there are 389 apprentices and 870 licensed Dispensing Opticians as of December 31, 2017.

Ms. Hernandez stated in October 2017 there were zero (0) apprentices, three (3) newly licensed, forty (40) renewals with twenty- seven (27) renewing online for a total of 68%, one (1) retired and zero (0) expired.

Ms. Hernandez stated in November 2017 there were fifteen (15) apprentices, five (5) newly licensed, twenty-four (24) renewals with seventeen (17) renewing online for a total of 71%, two (2) retired and three (3) expired.

Ms. Hernandez stated in December 2017 there were zero (0) apprentices, nine (9) newly licensed, twenty-one (21) renewals with thirteen (13) renewing online for a total of 62%, three (3) retired and one (1) expired.

Board meeting dates for 2018:

April 25, 2018, July 25, 2018 and October 24, 2018

Newly Licensed

Carol Wilson Harper –Ms. Harper is licensed as an Optician in Florida her license verification states she’s been licensed from June 12, 1984 and expires December 31, 2018. The Board requested this to be put on agenda for the next Board meeting April 25, 2018. The Board requested Ms. Hernandez to contact the Florida State Board of Opticians to get additional information and Ms. Harper will need to complete ABO/NCLE to get licensed in Tennessee.

Mr. Perry made a motion, seconded by Ms. Perry-Martinez, to approve the following applicants for licensure:

**Courtney Deshun Avery
Cristy Brady
Stephen Castellon
Holland Lucille Covington
Katrina Crane
Faye Taylor Foster
Kristen L. Hicks
Kristin Schnabel Kirk**

**Kristen Leigh Lawson
Jason Paul Leinart
Karson Whitney Long
Sandra Ann Lupo
Adrianna P. Madison
Justin Adam Mathias
Dustin Allen Orrick**

The motion carried.

Newly Approved Apprentices

Melinda Ritchie – Ms. Ritchie was licensed in Ohio, the Board granted Ms. Ritchie one (1) year and one thousand seven hundred and fifty (1,750) hours to be applied toward the apprenticeship program here in Tennessee. Ms. Ritchie will need to complete two (2) more years and three thousand five hundred (3,500) hours to complete the apprenticeship program in Tennessee.

Mr. Perry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeman.

Motion carried.

Mr. Perry made a motion, seconded by Ms. Perry-Martinez, to approve the following apprentices:

**Alisha Bairley
Maria Bath
Daniel M. Canter
Julie L. Cole
Belkis Caudros
Cassandra Dennison
Michele A. Gardner
Samantha Giles
Tyler Grimison
Halee Henson
Ronishe S. Hester
Christine Jaynes
Malachai Johnson**

**Susan Howe
Angela Leslie
Carlos M. Lewis
James Matherly
David Morris
Tamar O'Hara
Aimee Olson
Melinda Ritchie
Mackenzie Seavey
Kathy L. Simons
Hesie Sulyman
Erica Uselton
Carol N. Woods**

The Motion carried.

Practical Examination Candidates

Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve the following applicants to sit for the practical examination:

Thomas R. Almy
Ashley M. Bevins

Jennifer Feld
Ambriel Long

The motion carried.

Reinstatement Applications

Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve the following reinstatement applicants:

Amanda Lynn Devaney
Gena A. Stallings

The motion carried.

Closed/Withdrawn Applications

Ms. Perry-Martinez made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller, to approve the following withdrawn/closed applications:

- **Moriah Briones** – Withdrew from the apprenticeship program as of 12/15/17.
- **Lisa Gates** – Withdrew from the apprenticeship program as of 10/19/17.
- **Kendra S. Lassiter** – Withdrew from the apprenticeship program as of 10/28/17.
- **Donna Mauck** – Closed as of 1/25/18 - Failure to submit 6 months evaluation form since 12/22/16.
- **Michelle Miser** – Withdrew from the apprenticeship program as of 4/7/17.
- **Betty Mochia** – Closed as of 1/23/18, failure to submit documents to complete application as of 8/10/17.

The Motion carried.

Review/approve/deny Continuing Education courses for 2018

Upon review Mr. Perry made a motion, seconded by Mr. Freeman, to approve the continuing education request for:

- **International Vision Expo & Conference East 208** held at the Jarvis Center in New York, NY on March 15-18, 2018.
- **Wang Vision Institute** – Topography Grand Rounds 1 at Palmer Plaza 1801 West End Ave., Nashville, TN on March 4, 2018 & August 19, 2018.

- **The Learning Curve – Roy R. Ferguson, PhD**
 Holiday Inn, Johnson City, TN on February 18, 2018.
 Holiday Inn Select, Knoxville, TN on March 11, 2018 & November 11, 2018.
 Hampton Inn, Cleveland, TN on March 25, 2018.
 Cookeville Regional Hospital, Cookeville, TN on April 8, 2018 & October 14, 2018.
- **SECO International, LLC – SECO 2018 Where Sight Meets Vision at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, GA. on February 28, 2018 & March 4, 2018.**

The motion carried.

Continuing Education Waivers

The Board reviewed a letter from **Robert Spicer, DPO**, requesting a waiver for 2017 continuing education due to wife's illness. Mr. Perry made a motion to waive 2017 continuing education, seconded by Mr. Freeman.

The motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from **Kevin D. Jones, DPO**, requesting an extension for 2017 continuing education to be completed in 2018. Mr. Freeman made a motion to extend 2017 continuing education and completed in 2018, seconded by Mr. Freeman.

The motion carried.

Ophthalmic Career Progression Program (OCP)

James Iciek , Executive Director NAO and Diane Drake, Chair Georgia and Author, this is a supervised program work for an optical store with a sponsor it takes 36 months to complete the program., geared for the ABO test follows the curriculum. ABO/NCLE it's not basic information. Completion of this program qualified to take exam, ABO/NCLE lapsed. Mr. DeCrow looked over material; this program is a tool to use with the apprenticeship to make it a uniform. Qualified optician another option and make it available to pass the ABO. Incorporate with apprenticeship program. Available in Book form or online study both are under supervisor. Uniform program available. Completion of this program on your own time not at work. 1750 hours Motion to adopt and assign 1,750 hours to complete this program.

Jay Taylor, TDOA they still have to have a sponsor. Approve 1, 750 hours

Denise Mogil, Costco support the program, they want to apprentice at Costco do they need lab? It's not really clear in the rules. 1 year time of apprentice time.looking at the rules or approved college level program. Statute 3 yr program for apprenticeship. Talking to mr. cange to accept accredit program to assign exceple hours. Current rules approve and put it in place. Labor, nat'l apprenticeship program. Nati'l recognition the only program recognized. Accreditation piece on rules and reg. place of a school, approve of time served.

Mr. Perry made a motion to adopt the NAO) (OCP) program and assign 1, 750 hours credit to an apprentice that successfully completes the program, seconded by Ms. Perry-Martinez. Past due to do this, the continue of fail rate and we need structure of education.

All Board members voted to approve this program.

New Business

Denise Mogil – what are the requirements for optical training laboratory procedures, not clear in the rules. Mr. Perry accepted only up to 1 year you can have zero hours but you can only do (1) year of lab.

Mr. Perry stated the rule making changes the Board discussed there were a large of items that were out dated that needed to be removed from the rules that go back 20 and 30 years.

Ms. Wilkins stated the Board could initiate a task force and look at all the rules and that would be a new rule making hearing since the other rules are moving forwarded.

Kathy Hawkins DPO- Question in the past years to how the rules are written it was written as a body of learning, in the past asked Wal-Mart to have a central location for lab, in order to learn. Not having lab take away a learning tool making a mistake in the do

Adjourn

With no other Board business to conduct Mr. Freeman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Miller to adjourn at 11:09 p.m.

The motion carried.

Ratified by the Board of Dispensing Opticians on April 25, 2018